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February 16, 1993

Federal Communications Commission Congressional Liaison 1919 M Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is a letter from Rex Carpenter, the General Manager for Nebraska Rural Electric Association.

Mr. Carpenter raises some very serious issues about the Federal

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January 29, 1993

Senator J. James Exon 528 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Exon:

We appreciated your support for last year's Cable Reregulation Act. You, of course, know how important this bill was to us in our efforts to get reasonable pricing for satellite television programming to the folks in rural Nebraska.

However, we are very concerned about the Federal Communications Commission's Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM) that was issued on December 24. Specifically, we are concerned about the NPRM as it pertains to the Section 19 programming access provisions of the cable reregulation bill. Section 19 and its programming access provisions, in fact, was the most important part of the bill for us because these provisions were to protect our consumers from the cable industry's price gouging. We have been paying an average of five times more than what the cable operators pay for the same programming -- a difference in price that is not justified in that it costs no more for the programming to be provided to us than it does to cable

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